

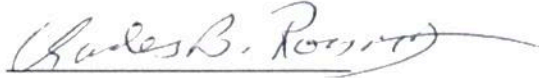
**SEVSG Spring 2021 Meeting**

April 16, 2021

10:00 – 12:30

Virtual Meeting

Respectfully submitted by:



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**Participation Award and CME Credit only available if attendee has signed in correctly!**  
**See Power Point slide deck posted on [VQI.org](http://VQI.org) for detailed presentation**

**Agenda: SEE SLIDE DECK for Meeting Details**

**SEVSG Nominations/Elections**

Charles Ross, MD, Regional Medical, SEVSG

Congratulations to:

**AQC chair:** Emily Spangler, MD (University of Alabama Medical Center)

**Regional Associate Medical Director:** Young Erben, MD (Mayo Clinic Florida)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the nomination/election process. For those who were not elected, there is opportunity for other projects within the SEVSG or within the VQI as a whole.

**Arterial RAC:** There is a vacancy in this position. Open nomination email will be provided with a close window of April 27, 2021.

**Welcome/Introductions**

Charles Ross, MD, Regional Medical Director, SEVSG

Welcome to all attendees. There is a total of 89 centers in our region with 13 new centers for this meeting.

**Regional Data Review - CME**

Charles Ross, MD, Regional Medical Director, SEVSG

Learning Objectives:

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- Interpret and compare each centers' VQI results to regional and national benchmarked data.

- Learn, through group discussion the VQI regional results to improve the quality of vascular health care by monitoring measurable performance indicators, SVS PSO evidence-based research, and outcomes.
- Identify high performing regional vascular centers to discuss variations in care and clinical practice patterns to improve outcomes and prompt quality improvement recommendations for vascular care patients. Sharing of best practices/pathways of care.

### **National Quality Initiative – EVAR Sac Diameter Report (Moving the Needle)**

Salvatore Scali, MD (University of Florida)

Update on this national quality initiative was provided with little improvement. The region has consistently underperformed the VQI and not “moved the needle”. Barriers for this measure were discussed. Unblinding of our regional data was not approved after last spring’ meeting. There are resources located on the SVS website.

### **Regional QI Proposal - CME**

Charles Ross, MD, Regional Medical Director, SEVSG

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### **RAC proposal review:**

- CEA Postop LOS:
  - How many centers place patients in the ICU setting versus the floor post op?
  - How many centers utilize post op Foley’s?
- TCAR:
  - How many centers utilize post dilatation?
  - How does late recurrent stenoses correlate with the degree of dilatation at time of the procedure?

### **Case Presentations**

1. “Outcomes in Early vs Delayed Dialysis Access Creation”  
Anna Beth West, MD/Jaime Benarroch-Gampel, MD – Emory University Hospital
2. “CFA stenting vs CFA endarterectomy in Medicare Claims linked VQI data”  
Emily Spangler, MD – University of Alabama Medical Center

### **National VQI Update - CME**

Caroline Morgan, BSN, SVS PSO

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**Updates**

AQC update – Carrie Bosela, RN

VQC update – Olamide Alabi, MD

RAC update – Emily Spangler, MD

Governing Council update – Carrie Bosela, RN

**Regional Improvement Projects:**

1. SEVSG Long Term Follow Up: there has been slight improvement in this measure, the region continues to underperform the VQI overall. All centers are urged to continue their QI efforts around this measure for the 2019 base procedures.
2. ABI/Toe Pressure Assessment in PVI Claudication: Significantly underperforming the VQI. Kathie will work with Carrie Bosela & Caroline Morgan of the PSO for the data managers to work on this as a regional project. Data manager engagement is key in the success for this project.

**Action Items/Open Discussion/Next Meeting/Meeting Evaluation**

1. Remember to complete the evaluation for CME/CE credit for attendance.
2. 2021 Fall meeting will be in person; hosted by Piedmont Atlanta. Will work to have a virtual component as well.
3. Kathie Shemwell to work with SVS PSO (Carrie and Caroline) to initiate a regional improvement project on ABI/Toe pressure in PVI claudication improvement project.